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SUBJECT: DJIBOUTI REFUGEE PROBLEMS

REF: A. GENEVA 2051; B. DJIBOUTI 154

1. REFTELS REFLECT GROWING REFUGEE PROBLEMS IN DJIBOUTI AND DIFFICULT FUNDING PROBLEMS OF UNHCR. THEREFORE MISSION SHOULD INFORM UNHCR THAT WE ARE PROVIDING AN ADDITIONAL DOLS. 500,000 TO THE UNHCR GENERAL FUND FOR USE IN MEETING REFUGEE PROBLEMS IN AFRICA. THE UNHCR SHOULD BE MADE AWARE THAT THIS EXHAUSTS FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PURPOSE IN THE REGULAR MIGRATION AND REFUGEE BUDGET FOR FY 1978. (REMAINING FUNDS ARE EARMARKED FOR OTHER PURPOSES.)
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2. WE ARE SEEKING A CONTRIBUTION OF AID FUNDS BUT THESE WOULD PROBABLY BE LIMITED TO UNHCR PROGRAMS IN ZAMBIA, BOTSWANA, SWAZILAND AND LESOTHO.

3. IN ADDITION, OUR REFUGEE EMERGENCY FUNDS ARE ALMOST EXHAUSTED, SO OUR ABILITY TO RESPOND TO FURTHER EMERGENCIES

AT THIS TIME IS SHARPLY LIMITED. (FYI: THE EMERGENCY REFUGEE FUND HAS ONLY DOLS.1 MILLION IN UNPROGRAMMED AVAILABILITY.)

4. THE DEPARTMENT REMINDS US MISSION THAT AID FUNDS ARE NOT NORMALLY AVAILABLE FOR LIFE SUPPORT OF REFUGEES AS OPPOSED TO DISPLACED PERSONS. AN EXCEPTION EXISTS IN THE CASE OF SOUTHERN AFRICAN REFUGEES BECAUSE OF THE UNUSUAL WORDING OF THE AID APPROPRIATION IN THAT CASE. THIS DOES NOT APPLY TO DJIBOUTI. THUS, WHILE OFDA CAN MAKE TENTS AVAILABLE ON AN IMMEDIATE EMERGENCY BASIS AND CAN PROVIDE AIRLIFT CAPABILITY FOR THEIR DELIVERY, THIS CAN ONLY BE ON A REIMBURSABLE BASIS BY UNHCR. IT IS NOT CLEAR FROM MACE'S LETTER WHETHER UNHCR DESIRES TO EXPEND DOLS.150,000 FOR THESE TENTS. IF SO, MISSION SHOULD NOTIFY DEPARTMENT BY IMMEDIATE AIDAC CABLE, INFO HA/ORM. VANCE

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